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## **PARAMEDIC VACCINATION POLICY**

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The decision to activate this policy will be incident dependent, time limited and based on guidance from the ICEMA Medical Director and/or designee, and in collaboration with the local Health Officer as deemed necessary or essential for successful vaccination programs in emergency situations.

### **AUTHORITY**

Under a declared Public Health Emergency by the local Public Health Officers within the ICEMA region (Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino Counties), Health and Safety Code § 101080.

### **PURPOSE**

To develop a program that utilizes ICEMA accredited paramedics (EMT-P) during an H1N1 Public Health Emergency to administer H1N1 and/or seasonal flu vaccine injections.

### **OBJECTIVE**

Train paramedics to administer H1N1 and/or seasonal flu vaccinations to qualified EMS healthcare workers quickly and efficiently. Qualified EMS healthcare workers are defined as those EMS personnel who have direct patient care responsibilities.

### **TRAINING**

1. H1N1 flu prophylaxis and vaccination training for the EMT-P will be provided by EMS provider agencies and consist of a self directed review of EZIZ or EMSA developed training modules that cover:
  - Infectious Diseases and Influenza
  - Principles of Vaccinations
  - Medication Profile – Vaccinations
  - Review of anaphylaxis
  - Required Documentation
  - Related Policies, Protocols and Procedures
  - Role of EMS in a Public Health Emergency Vaccination Program
  - Vaccine handling and storage

2. All records will be maintained by the CE provider for four (4) years, and shall include:
  - a. Complete outlines for the course given, including a brief overview, instructional objectives, comprehensive topical outline, method of evaluation and a record of participant performance.
  - b. Record of time, place and date each course is given and the number of CE hours granted.
  - c. An ICEMA approved roster signed by course participants to include name and license number of the individuals.
3. After completing the training and successfully passing a written exam, the EMT-P will be certified to administer H1N1 prophylaxis flu medications and/or seasonal flu vaccinations within the ICEMA Region. EMT-P's will not be allowed to administer the vaccine until rosters are sent to ICEMA. The rosters may be faxed or emailed to ICEMA.

### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

ICEMA, Public Health or EMS Agency Supervisory staff will monitor EMT-Ps to ensure that individuals receiving medications/vaccinations are being assessed for any adverse effects or allergic reactions at each vaccination location.

Proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by the vaccinators will be monitored by the supervisors at each vaccination location.